Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Through our continuing attention to building safety, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound because building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and,

Whereas, The dedicated members of the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play and learn; and,

Whereas, The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states, and include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and,

Whereas, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public and a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and,

Whereas, This year's theme, "Building a Safer World Together," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of building safety, and to take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, play and learn are safe. Countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies; and,

Whereas, This year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role they play in public safety:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7 through 13, 2006, as

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State